
 YARMUTH WILSDON PLLC

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
RE: BELLEVUE HIGH SCHOOL
FOOTBALL PROGRAM**

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with a list of coaches who had visited the Academic Institute. (Exhibit 80). That list reflects that Assistant Coach Rich Brown said he been to the Academic Institute one time because “he was called by [REDACTED] [a BHS football player] to come to AI to meet with college coaches that showed up at AI his senior year.” The list also reflects that Assistant coach Richard Brown Sr. had been to the Academic Institute “several times.” We interviewed Richard Brown Sr. on February 24, 2016, and he told us that he had never been to the Academic Institute.⁵⁶

Ms. Vice told us that in addition to Coach Goncharoff, she also called Jeff Razore, then an Assistant Football Coach about discipline problems with BHS football players attending the Academic Institute. She estimated that Mr. Razore had visited the school on three to four occasions.

She also acknowledged that she allowed Jeff Razore to use her office to meet with [REDACTED], shortly after the aforementioned weight room meeting. She described it as “commonplace” for BHS football coaches to check on their players. Although Ms. Vice explained that she also allowed therapists to meet with students in her office, there is little doubt about the closeness of her relationship with the football coaches or the obvious latitude that the Razore meeting suggests coaches enjoyed at the Academic Institute.

Although Jeff Razore has refused to talk with us, we have obtained a series of e-mails between Mr. Razore and Ms. Vice which indicate that Mr. Razore played a significant role in monitoring football players’ progress at the Academic Institute. Although Mr. Razore was only a volunteer assistant BHS football coach,⁵⁷ Ms. Vice was willing to share a significant amount of private student information with Mr. Razore. For instance, in an e-mail dated October 29, 2013, with the subject heading “[redacted] grade review,” Ms. Vice asked Mr. Razore if “November 14 at 12:30 work[s] for you?” (Exhibit 84). Mr. Razore responds “That works for me.” (Exhibit 84). In an e-mail dated November 13, 2013, bearing the subject heading “1st Quarter Conferences” Ms. Vice reminded Mr. Razore that “we are meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. to review a [student name redacted by AI] grades.” (Exhibit 85). On January 6, 2014, Ms. Vice e-mails Mr. Razore and asks him if he is “available to come by on January 16, 2014 to meet with [two names redacted by AI].” The subject line on this e-mail is “[redacted] transcript.” Mr. Razore responds that he “can do the 16th.” (Exhibit 88). On March 18, 2014, Ms. Vice sends Mr. Razore a “behavior plan [she] has put in place with [name redacted] starting this morning.” Mr. Razore responds “Great.” (Exhibit 91).

On March 31, 2014, Ms. Vice e-mails Mr. Razore that she is “meeting with [name redacted] parents this Thursday April 3 to register [name redacted] for summer and fall. Would you like to attend or would you rather I just let you know which classes he is signing up for?” (Exhibit 92). Mr. Razore responds that he cannot attend the meeting but “let me know what classes he is signing up for. I assume his behavior is improving.” (Exhibit 92).

⁵⁶ Two other Assistant Coaches, Pat Jones and Mark Landes, said they had each been to the Academic Institute because their sons were attending the Academic Institute.

⁵⁷ It is not at all clear whether Mr. Razore was an approved volunteer coach. As of February 4, 2015, the District could not locate an “application on file” for Mr. Razore. (Exhibit 107). We do not know if the District eventually found any such application for Mr. Razore.